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Applicants:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 6, 2007 and Advisory Action dated December 11, 2007, Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension, and request continued examination and that the Office Action be reconsidered in light of the remarks set forth below.

Remarks begin on page 2.